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existence of the discrimination. The fact that white people insist on this shows that they are racist and they know it. They tolerate it and they require this kind of homage from nonwhite people, and they expect it. But you'll never get it from me, never. You never will see me crawl. You never will make me swallow spit. You never will do to me what you did to my ancestors. You will never put me in a position where I will refuse to look a white man in the eye. I am a grown man and a young white boy comes to me and I have to lower my eyes to the floor, or I can be lynched. That's what was happening to my people. And I'm going to lower my eyes in the presence of a white person, I'm going to crawl, you're my master? Forget it. That's what happened to us and you think we're going to forget it just to get along with you. And you don't even treat your own people right. You don't treat your own women right. You all may as well get used to me because I'm not going anywhere and I said...as I said when the Catholic League was telling me to quit, the pope will resign from the papacy before I resign from the Legislature. I'm going to be here. But, see, I'm not putting ropes around your neck. I'm not cutting you. I'm not burning you over a slow fire. I'm not cutting off your genitals. I'm not raping you. I'm not telling these young women you have to let me fondle you and play with your private parts to keep your job.

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's not the way I operate. That's the way white men operate. I'm going to tell you all about a situation during my closing where a white woman had to come to my office in Lincoln, Governor Exon was the Governor, and she had her blouse virtually torn off her, and that's...that...that teaser that they talk about before a television program comes on, but I'm going to tell you all about that.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on your motion to reconsider.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. This woman had gone to the office of one of Governor Exon's appointees and he told her that she was top heavy, meaning she had large breasts.